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1. SUMMARY: COUNCIL DISCUSSION 127TH CCG REPORT SCHEDULED FEBRUARY 26. UNLESS THERE IS A MAJOR SHIFT IN POSITIONS OECD DELEGATIONS, THE ALTERNATIVE VALIDATION PROPOSAL WILL CONTINUE BE SUPPORTED BY ONLY BELGIUM, FRG AND US. MISSION BELIEVES THAT LIKELY RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS IN OECD COUNCIL WILL BE UPHOLD THE LEGAL POSITION OF SECRETARY-GENERAL THAT MAJORITY POSITION ON VALIDATION REMAINS IN EFFECT IN THE ABSENCE OF A UANIMOUS COUNCIL DECISION TO REJECT IT.

2. FOLLOWING MISSION DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER OECD DELEGATIONS, IT IS EVIDENT THAT ONLY BELGIUM, FRG AND US CLEARLY SUPPORT ADOPTION OF AN ALTERNATIVE VALIDATION FORMULA. FRANCE, ITALY SPAIN AND GREECE WITH SUPPORT FROM SMALL DELEGATIONS WHO ARE NOT ACTIVE IN CCG, WILL SUPPORT SECRETARY-GENERAL'S POSITION THAT MAJORITY POSITION ON VALIDATION REMAINS IN EFFECT.

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AUSTRALIAN DELEGATION SUPPORTS MAJORITY AND ALSO PLANS

ASK WHY SPECIFIC DETAILS ON ALTERNATIVE VALIDATION PROPOSAL WAS NOT INCLUDED IN CCG REPORT. OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS SUCH AS THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA AND THE UK HAVE INDICATED THEY WILL SUPPORT THE MAJORITY ON THIS ISSUE. FRENCH DCM HAS TOLD US CATEGORICALLY GOF WILL BE ADAMANT IN OPPOSING WHAT IT REGARDS AS PROPOSED RENEGING ON SOLEMN PLEDGE BY COUNCIL TO EMPLOYEES AND WHAT IT CHARACTERIZES AS CRUDE ATTEMPTS TO ROB EMPLOYEES OF THEIR LAWFUL PROPERTY. HE SAID GOF CATEGORICALLY REJECTS MINORITY POSITION TO EXTENT IT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD BECAUSE IT WILL INEVITABLY DRAW FORTH DEMAND FROM EMPLOYEES FOR EXCHANGE GUARANTEE THAT NO GOVERNMENT CAN AGREE TO.

4. IN SUM, IN THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR AND FULL DEFINITION OF THE REAL TERMS CONCEPT FOR CALCULATING VALIDATIONS AND ONE THAT DEALS EFFECTIVELY WITH THE LEGAL AND MONETARY POLICY ARGUMENTS, THE MISSION DOES NOT FORESEE ANY POSSIBILITY OF GAINING SUPPORT FOR THIS MINORITY PROPOSAL AMONGST THE OECD DELEGATIONS. THE BEST THAT WE COULD HOPE FOR IS FURTHER STALEMATE WHICH IS LIKELY TO ELICIT JOB ACTION BY STAFF ASSOCIATION. TURNER

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